

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method for performing actions on objects, the method executing in a
2 computer system including a processor coupled to a user input device, the method comprising
3 accepting signals from a user input device to first specify a first object and then select
4 a first action to be performed on the first object;
5 accepting signals from a user input device to first select a second action and then
6 specify a second object on which the second action is to be performed; and
7 accepting signals from a user input device to define a gesture that overlaps a third
8 object, wherein the gesture is mapped to a third action to be performed on the third object.
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1 2. A method for displaying images on a display screen, the method
2 comprising
3 displaying multiple windows on the display screen;
4 performing an operation on an image;
5 displaying the image in each of the multiple windows; and
6 accepting input from a user input device to allow independent manipulation of
7 the windows.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein independent manipulation of the
2 windows includes resizing the windows.

1 4. The method of claim 2, wherein independent manipulation of the
2 windows includes scaling at least a portion of the image within a window.

1 5. The method of claim 2, wherein independent manipulation of the
2 windows includes rotating at least a portion of the image within a window.

1 6. The method of claim 2, wherein independent manipulation of the
2 windows includes panning a window with respect to the image within the window.

1 7. A method for viewing an image on a display screen, wherein the
2 display screen is coupled to a processor and user input device, the method comprising
3 displaying a navigator box on the display screen;
4 displaying a miniature version of the image on the display screen within an
5 inner box within the navigator box on the display screen, wherein the inner box is smaller
6 than the navigator box, wherein portions of the image not displayed on the display screen are
7 shown in miniature within the area of the navigator box that is outside of the inner box.

1 8. A method for determining active intervals of operations to be
2 performed on images, wherein each operation includes a start time and a stop time that
3 defines an initial active interval for the operation, the method comprising
4 selecting one or more operations to be members of a group;
5 determining a start time and a stop time to define a group interval for the
6 group; and
7 setting the active region of each operation that is a member of the group to be
8 the intersection of each operation's initial active interval with the group interval.